

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Initial POLREP
Carter Color Coat Site
6051 Hastings Street, Detroit, MI
Latitude: 42.3694000
Longitude: -83.0600000

POLREP No.: 1	Site #: B5LC
Reporting Period: September 17, 2008-September 26, 2008	D.O. #:
Start Date: 9/17/2008	Response Authority: CERCLA
Mob Date: 9/17/2008	Response Type: Time-Critical
Demob Date:	NPL Status: Non NPL
Completion Date:	Incident Category: Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	Contract #
RCRIS ID #:	

Site Description

The Carter Color Coat site is located at 6051 Hastings Street in Detroit, Michigan at 42° 22.184' north latitude and 83° 03.598' west longitude. A large six-story concrete and steel frame building covers approximately one-half of the property. The other half of the property was primarily used for parking. The property is fenced, but not secure. The site is located in a mixed residential and industrial neighborhood with residential properties located approximately one-half mile to the southwest of the site. The site is bordered by Hastings Street to the northeast, Harper Street to the southeast, St. Antoine Street to the southwest, and Piquette Street to the northwest. Other industrial properties surround the site on all 4 sides.

The building was originally constructed and operated by General Motors Corporation (GMC), Fisher Body Division between 1919 and 1984. Facility operations involved automotive stamping of special discs and tools, dye sets, jigs and fixtures. GMC generated halogenated and non-halogenated spent solvents, spent plating wastes, ignitable and corrosive wastes from its operations at this location.

Between 1985 and 1990, the facility was owned and operated by Cameo Color Coat, Inc., after which time the property ownership was transferred to Carter Color Coat. Carter Color Coat operated as a conditionally exempt small quantity generator of hazardous wastes at this facility.

Carter Color Coat declared bankruptcy and abandoned the facility in 1993. GMC conducted a removal action at the property in the early 1990s, removing paints and other hazardous materials from the building.

U.S. EPA conducted a site assessment on December 11, 2008. Since PCBs were detected during the U.S. EPA site assessment, and other hazardous materials were reported to be present from a MDEQ site assessment, a removal action was warranted at this site.

Since the U.S. EPA site assessment, there has been continuous activity at the site including: theft of metal from the site (including the site fence), asbestos contamination on facility floors from the metal stealing, and

unknown persons actually building structures inside the building with the PCB-contaminated wood blocks (see Polrep picture).

Current Activities

On Wednesday, September 17, 2008 U.S. EPA and its contractors mobilized to the site. Site preparation included repairing the fence and the delivery of site trailers, port-a-potties, and generator, and clearing of the parking lot.

On Thursday, September 18, 2008, U.S. EPA contractors cleared and grubbed the parking lot area, continued site preparation including repairing of the fence, and began site safety improvements.

On Friday, September 19, 2008, U.S. EPA contractors completed clearing and grubbing of parking lot area and continued site preparation and site safety improvements.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, the asbestos contractors, hired to pick up all the asbestos ripped down and scattered by the illegal metal scrapping activities, began removal of asbestos material on the first and second floor of the building and loose transite from outside the building. Asbestos removal was completed on the first and second floor. Three personal asbestos samples were collected. Site safety improvements were also conducted.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, the asbestos contractor completed asbestos removal on the third and fourth floors. Three asbestos samples were collected. Contractors continued site safety improvements and began removal of PCB-contaminated wood block floor on the first floor.

On Wednesday, September 24, 2008, the asbestos contractors conducted and completed asbestos removal on the fifth floor. Contractors also continued site safety improvements and PCB-contaminated wood block floor removal on the first floor. A 40 cubic yard asbestos roll-off box was taken off site for transportation and disposal.

On Thursday, September 25, 2008, the asbestos contractors conducted asbestos removal on the sixth floor and transite that was found outside of the building. U.S. EPA contractors also continued site safety improvements and PCB-contaminated wood block floor removal on the first floor.

On Friday, September 26, 2008, the asbestos contractors completed asbestos removal on the sixth and seventh floors of the building. U.S. EPA and its contractors conducted a walk through of the entire building to ensure all free loose asbestos was removed. Intact asbestos pipe wrap and floor tile mastic at the Site remains, as only loose asbestos was removed through this action. U.S. EPA contractors also continued PCB-contaminated wood block floor removal on the first floor.

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, U.S. EPA contractors began site preparation for moving equipment to the second floor of the building and moving the pile of PCB-contaminated wood block to a stockpile area to prepare it for off site disposal.

Planned Removal Actions

- Continue removal of PCB-contaminated wood block flooring.
- Removal of debris in truck ramp area.
- Decommissioning of above-ground storage tanks.

Next Steps

- Disposal of second asbestos roll-off box.
- Disposal of wood block flooring.

Key Issues

None.

Disposition of Wastes

Waste Stream	Quantity	Manifest Number	Disposal Facility
Abestos	40 yd3	0001	Sauk Trails Landfill Canton, MI